

STATEMENT

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- Expressing to the committee's chairman his appreciation and felicitation, as well as Kuwait's confidence that under the Chairman's leadership this meeting will achieve its desired objectives.
- The issues of energy, sustainable development, industrial development, air pollution and climate change should be considered and discussed as a whole cluster.
- Regarding the concept of energy and sustainable development, Kuwait believes that the sustainable development process is integrated because it deals, together and not separately, with the three pillars of sustainable development which are economic development, social development and environment. The choice should not be selective, that means focusing on one aspect without the other, which consequently could lead us to marginalize the other aspects.
- Regarding the phenomenon of climate change, the State of Kuwait attaches great importance to this issue. The exclusive focus on carbon dioxide, without considering other factors, may not reflect the real situation. When implementing the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Kuwait believes that all its articles and paragraphs should be taken into consideration without differentiation or omission or selective choice of some items.
- Regarding the issue of renewable and substitute energies, while this phenomenon may be important for some societies, especially rural and urban, Kuwait believes that it is necessary to carry out economic, environmental and social research works on the effects of those sources of energy in many water and plants, prior to their extensive use. Kuwait also believes that it should be complied with the principles of common, but different, responsibility, when raising issues related to climate change and air pollution.